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MINK PRODUCTION – 2018

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

In 2018, mink pelt production in Utah totaled 707,600 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the State total is as follows: Mahogany at 38 percent and Black at 37 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 25 percent.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2019 totaled 159,120. Percent of the state total of females bred to produce kits in 2019 by color class is as follows: Black at 38 percent and Mahogany at 35 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 27 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2018 totaled 3.10 million pelts, down 9 percent from 2017. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 972 thousand pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 708 thousand pelts.

The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total United States production in 2018 is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 19 percent, White at 7 percent and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 18 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2018 crop year was \$82.6 million, down 33 percent from \$123 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2018 crop year was \$26.60, down \$9.50 from \$36.10 in 2017.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2019 totaled 658 thousand, down 15 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2019 by color class as is follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 18 percent, White at 7 percent, and Sapphire at 5 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 18 percent.

For a full copy of the *Mink* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.

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